

Mr. EDMUNDSON'S CASE.

THAT in his CASE lately delivered to your Lordships, to which he begs leave to refer, he did most humbly set forth, that he is not conscious to himself of his being guilty of any of the Crimes laid to his Charge by the Bill now depending in this Honourable House.

He now presumes, in all Submission and Reverence to your Lordships, solemnly to declare the same. And depending on his own Innocence, and your Lordships impartial Justice, he humbly hopes, if he may be admitted the favour of being hear'd, he shall be able to vindicate himself against any the Crimes that may be charged against him.

That notwithstanding he is almost ruin'd by the late unhappy Scheme, yet he is the most severely punished by the Bill, as it now stands, being allow'd but 3000 l. for the Subsistence of himself, his Wife, and Four small Children, besides several poor Relations, whose sole Dependance is upon him, being incapable of providing for themselves; Whereas the least Allowance to any of the other Directors is 5000 l. if their Estate amounts to so much.

And he is yet further punished (or in effect BANISHED) being turn'd out of his Employment, which he has faithfully serv'd in for above twenty Years, and render'd incapable of Serving the Publick, which if not reliev'd herein by your Lordships, will put him under a Necessity of seeking his Bread in a Foreign Country.

And by reason of his being particularly distinguished by so small an Allowance, he is yet more sensibly afflicted in regard to his Reputation; for the World will not believe but that he who is the most remarkably punished by Parliament, must of Consequence be the greatest Criminal; which he humbly conceives he cannot appear to be, since he is not so much as once nam'd in the whole Report of the Honourable the Secret Committee.

Therefore he humbly flys to your Lordships as the Dernier Resort of Justice, and prays you will be pleas'd in Compassion to his and his Families poor distressed Condition, to grant him such Relief as to your Lordships in your great Wisdom shall seem meet.

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late Directors.